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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: (U) Program 437

Reference: Secretary of the Air Force Memorandum to the Chief of Staff, 20 March 1963, Program 437

This memorandum is written to amplify the guidance provided by the Secretary of the Air Force subsequent to the 20 March 1963 review of Program 437.

This program is a high priority research and development effort leading to an emergency operational capability. All assets necessary should be made available to insure timely prosecution of the demonstration program and earliest establishment of operational status. Specifically, those resources which have thus far been identified as required include the following Thor assets at Vandenberg AFB: The RIM building; the launch facilities for training; and personnel with Thor launch and maintenance experience.

It is my understanding that an Air Force Precedence of 1-1 has been assigned. Action should be initiated for the establishment of a DX Priority.

The necessity for enthusiastic and competent support by Bell Telephone Laboratories is apparent. In this regard, I would like to be furnished a fact sheet detailing contacts thus far between AFSC and BTL people on this program.

It is my intention to prepare a memorandum to DDR&E recommending a reduced reaction time capability for the operational

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